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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
9 AT SEATTLE

10 JOVANNA EDGE, et al.,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 CITY OF EVERETT,

14 Defendant.

CASE NO. C17-1361-MJP

ORDER GRANTING  
DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR  
LEAVE TO FILE AN  
ANONYMOUS DECLARATION

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16 THIS MATTER comes before the Court on Defendant's Motion for Leave to File an  
17 Anonymous Declaration. (Dkt. No. 25.) Having reviewed the Motion, the Response (Dkt. No.  
18 44-1), the Reply (Dkt. No. 47) and all related papers, the Court GRANTS the Motion.

19 Defendant City of Everett seeks to file an anonymous declaration from "Jane Doe" in  
20 support of its Response to Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction. (Dkt. No. 28, Dkt. No.  
21 25). The Court finds that anonymity is appropriate under the circumstances. Ms. Doe's  
22 testimony concerns sensitive, personal information, and her interests in preserving anonymity  
23 outweigh any potential prejudice to Plaintiffs. The Court GRANTS the Motion, and will  
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1 consider the Declaration of Jane Doe (Dkt. No. 25-1) at this stage in the proceedings only.  
2 Should there be any need for Plaintiffs to depose Ms. Doe, the parties are to meet and confer to  
3 identify a mutually agreeable process and protocol for doing so. Should the parties be unable to  
4 agree, they shall bring the matter before the Court using the Expedited Joint Motion Procedure  
5 set forth in LR 37(a)(2).

6 The clerk is ordered to provide copies of this order to all counsel.

7 Dated December 4, 2017.

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11 United States District Judge  
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